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Application No.: 10/743,897

Applicant: Robert J. Lemire

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Title: Plain Sight Hanging

Art Unit: 3632

Examiner: Kimberly T. Wood

Dear Ms. Wood;

The election of species for this application is the species shown in Figures # 1 & #2, and described in Amended Claim 1, New Claim 7 (2), Amended Claim 3, and Amended Claims 2(4) & 5. Claim 6 belongs to the species shown in Figure #3 and is NOT the elected species for this application.

Enclosed please find amended pages 6 through 13. These amended pages include the deletion of Figure #4, clarifying amendments to the Specification; and Claims that have been added, amended, revised, or deleted to overcome examiner objections.

In addition the examiner cited patent 980,295 by Lee as anticipating the claims made in my application.

My response is that the Lee patent was for a device and system that hangs pictures from "picture molding" attached at ceiling height on the top of plaster walls. Pulling the cord 5 and 5' in that patent will certainly raise the picture up; however, in order to have the top of the picture above the hanging device the picture would have to be at the top of the wall very near to the ceiling.

The Lee patent also states in Line 9 "has for its object to provide an improved adjustable hanger by means of which the picture may be set at any angle to the wall and will be held without special fastening devices." The adjustability cited is for having the top of the picture tilted away from the wall for a better viewing angle by a person standing on the floor.

The Lee patent also does not claim to be able to "Lock" the picture onto the wall as my invention does.

If there is still confusion over the threaded hook in Figure #3 I will be happy to provide an additional drawing showing the downward facing hook on the screw with the cord in the recess of the hook.

I hope that this response will clear the comments presented in your office action dated 11/03/04.

Yours truly,



Robert J. Lemire